

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

July 05, 2016

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Schottke at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

*Steve Bennett*

*Roby Schottke*

*Jeff Davis*

*Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Davis moved to excuse Ms. Lanese; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Mr. Davis moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent, with President Schottke moving to add Res. CR-43-16 to the Service Committee; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. President Schottke recognized Mayor Stage and Chief Pearson, who administered the Oath of Office to Rick Butsko as Lieutenant and Jason Stern as Sergeant.

**The Chair recognized Mr. Davis, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.**

1. Ordinance C-52-16 (Accept the Donation of \$5,178.65 from the Southwest Community Leadership program and Appropriate the Same for the Gold Star Families Memorial Plaza) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Davis moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

2. Ordinance C-53-16 (Accept the Donation of \$5,640.56 from the Grove City Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Fund and Appropriate the Same for the Gold Star Families Memorial Plaza) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Davis explained that this donation needs amended to \$7,089.72 and moved to amend the ordinance amount to do so; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mayor Stage noted that this money has already been spent on the Memorial, but it is necessary to account for the donation and appropriate these funds.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Davis moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. Ordinance C-54-16 (Appropriate \$170,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Gold Star Memorial Plaza Improvements) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Roger Burkett, citizen, said he believes this is too expensive. He asked Council to postpone this legislation and rework the design for a lot less money.

Mr. Schottke asked for a breakdown on the amount. Mayor Stage agreed that it is an expensive project. He explained that they turned down other proposals that were also expensive. He said with most things like this, there are many things that happen below ground, as much as above ground (i.e. irrigation & electric). He said they have honed it down to what makes the most sense for the location it is in. In addition, it provides a much larger gathering place than we currently have for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day celebrations. He noted that the price as we are doing it is \$244,000.00. He said some of the items is being called out and donated. Mr. Bennett asked if this was the last bite at the apple. Mayor Stage said yes.

Mr. Davis commented that they have invested some real money in the Town Center and for some, it is a package. It may run high in some regards, but he thinks that the end game will be something quite unique in Franklin County and something everyone in Grove City can be proud of.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Davis moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Resolution CR-39-16 (Approve the Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2017) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Davis explained that this is a statutory requirement. He said the year-end balance has a little more than expected; the expenses were a little lower; revenues weren't quite as high, but all in all, we are in good fiscal shape.

Mr. Schottke said it appears that we are taking a conservative approach on estimating revenues.

Mayor Stage commented that this is one of the few times that the County deals with city finances. Every municipality in the County has to report revenues to Franklin County. We are playing on the conservative side.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Davis moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

Chair Davis reminded everyone of the Finance meeting next Monday to begin the series on how monies are received and spent in the City.

**The Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.**

1. Ordinance C-46-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Sales for The Tamarkin Company, dba Get Go located at 2165 Stringtown Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Robert Kottenstette, Store Manager of Giant Eagle, was present to answer questions. Mr. Bennett explained that there have been concerns for all the sales outside. Mr. Kottenstette said they were aware of some concerns at explained that they had complied with all the request of Planning Commission. They removed all the mulch and firewood. They made sure all sidewalks and access points had plenty of room. He asked if the areas and items they applied for, including the blue merchandiser's between the pumps and on the back side of the gas station would be permitted, or if ice and propane were the only items permitted.

Mr. Schottke voiced concern for sales between the pumps. He believes this creates a hazard at times. Mayor Stage said some retailers are going overboard with some things. Mr. Bennett said these situations occur when the station is under built.

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., about the stipulations being requested by the Dev. Dept. Mr. Rauch explained that there have been a number of requests for outdoor sales and these stipulations represent the desire for all outdoor sales from now on. He asked that additional stipulations be added tonight to limit sales to propane and ice only. He said there are a number of communities that limit these types of sales to Primary Use and/or only two spaces outside.

Mr. Bennett said he is unclear about these requested stipulations. Mr. Schottke said he wasn't sure if they are ready act on this and asked Mr. Kottenstette if they could postpone it two more weeks. Mr. Kottenstette said they don't have a problem with a postponement.

Mr. Berry commented that he sees no reason for a postponement. He doesn't feel the request is out of order.

Mayor Stage commented that there have been a slew of non-conforming businesses that have expanded sales outside. He said he appreciates the businesses coming in to address the non-compliance.

After further discussion, Mr. Bennett moved that Section 1 be amended to include the following specific uses: two pump merchandisers; one automotive merchandiser; one Ice chest; three propane cages; one Storage (fuel spill cleanup kit); seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	No
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Schottke	No
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-48-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Sales for Circle K located at 3043 London Groveport Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Ron Mays, representing Circle K, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Schottke asked if there were any sales between the gas pumps. Mr. Mays said no.

Mr. Bennett moved to amend Section 1 to include the following specific permitted uses: one ice chest; two propane cages; one half cord of bundled firewood; one windshield washer fluid; and one seasonal (water/antifreeze); seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

3. Ordinance C-55-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Drive-Thru for Kroger located at 5965 Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Andrew Gardner, Kroger Co; explained that they would like to move the pick-up area for the pharmacy. He said the new location provides better vehicular flow in the parking lot.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

4. Ordinance C-56-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Sales for Sunoco Gas Station located at 2375 Stringtown Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Karen Laws, owner, was present to answer any questions. She said they have their items on the side of the building.

Mr. Bennett moved to amend Section 1 to include the following specific permitted uses: one propane cage and one ice machine; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

5. Resolution CR-40-16 (Set forth the Municipal Services that can be furnished to 0.50 acres located South of Casa Blvd. and West of Haughn Rd. in Jackson Township upon its annexation to the City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Kacie Waugh, attorney for petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

6. Resolution CR-41-16 (Approve the Development Plan for Gateway to Growing located on Gateway Circle) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Bethany Reed, applicant, was present to answer questions. She explained that they are expanding their company with a sales office. She shared the exterior adjustments to the building and is very pleased with this new design.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

7. Resolution CR-42-16 (Amend Resolution CR-66-15 to Replace the Development Plan for Hickory Creek Estates located North of Orders and West of Haughn Roads) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Berry explained that the City is meeting with Mr. Dean Ringle Franklin County Engineer, and some of the Township Trustees, to review the bike path and pedestrian path way. He asked Mr. Boso, City Admin., to explain what the goal of the meeting is of that meeting. Mr. Boso said they are not in favor of this resolution. They will discuss barricades at the end of Williamsburg Court and pedestrian connectivity at the meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Hugh Mowry, Southern Grove resident, asked about the entrance into their subdivision. He said since the street improvement was installed it is narrower than before the improvements. Mayor Stage said they have it on the list to check. He said he isn't promising anything, but it is being reviewed. Mr. Schottke said he knows that an 84 passenger bus cannot make the turn into Southern Grove now and encouraged the Administration to redesign it.

Mr. Bill Brestle, Southern Grove resident, said he has been attending both Council & Trustee meetings. He was going to offer to broker a meeting between the two and is happy to hear about the meeting tomorrow. He then asked the Administration if they agree to a cul-de-sac at Williamsburg Court. Mayor Stage said no. They stand by the approved Development Plan with the connection of the street with bollards or some other barrier. Mr. Brestle asked if they can attend the meeting tomorrow and how they can find out what happened. Mayor Stage said there will be something that will come back to the Trustees and Council for a legislative act. He said whatever is discussed tomorrow will still need some action. Mr. Davis said there must be a relatively easy way to communicate the outcome of the meeting to the residents by the Trustees or the Administration. Mayor Stage said they have received one proposal from the Trustees and have had our engineer's draw something up that would provide safe bike and pedestrian access to Fryer Park. Mr. Brestle said there are ways to get there safe now, and want to know why an additional path is needed. Mayor Stage said that is why there is a meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Schottke moved to waive the Rules of Council and allow all those who signed the speakers list on this resolution to be heard; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Ms. Amanda Broford, Southern Grove resident, asked what would get amended after tomorrows meeting. Mr. Berry said a separate resolution may come forward after the meeting. If so, then the one on tonight's agenda may be withdrawn.

Mr. Rich Yoho, Southern Grove, voiced frustration for city development encroaching on the Southern Grove subdivision.

Ms. Kathy Blevins, Southern Grove resident, suggested incorporating the bike path into the main, north/south street of the Hickory Grove subdivision. She feels it would be cheaper since that hasn't been developed yet.

Mr. Ken Kober, Southern Grove resident, asked if the intent was to have a walking path or bike path around the retention ponds. He said in 2001 there was a clarification that there would be a walking path and wondered what the difference between the two was. Mayor Stage said there are guidelines that define paths by the width of the pavement. He said their intent is to provide a path for safe connection for citizens from Windsor to Fryer Parks. Mr. Kober said if all paths are the same, why did there need to be clarification between a walking path and a bike path in previous years. Mayor Stage said the difference is the width of the pavement. Mr. Kober then asked about the Stormwater Guidance Manual and if the current manual was what the Hickory Creek developer must follow. Mayor Stage said he didn't know.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed to 7/18/16; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

**The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.**

1. Resolution CR-43-16 (Waive the provisions of Section 529.07(b)(3) of the Codified Ordinances for the Annual Homecoming Celebration on July 29, 2016 on the Streets of Town Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Berry moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes


**The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.**

1. Mr. Mike Keller, EMH&T, provided an update on Columbus Street extension and the Plaza area. He shared a few different concepts for the Plaza area. Ms. Linda Menery provided more details for the three concepts to address traffic and pedestrian traffic (traffic Circle; Central Park Circle; shared street).
2. Mathew O'Brian, Tamera Dr; said many received letters about their sidewalks needing repair. He asked why they can't be part of the sidewalk program where the City pays half. Mr. Davis said he has spoken to Mr. O'Brian & said there needs to be a conversation of how the repairs can be coordinated for their street. Mayor Stage said there are laws on sidewalks that the City hasn't enforced heavily like other municipalities. He said they are not prepared to extend the Sidewalk Program but will try to help them coordinate the efforts to get repairs made.

**The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. Mayor Stage commented about the positive response over the Firework show. He thanked SWCS and Grove City High School for their assistance.
2. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Roby Schottke  
Chair



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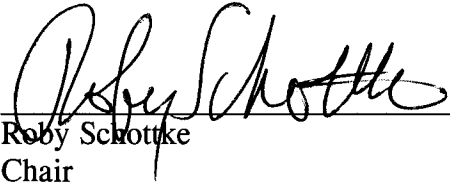
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Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Caucus Room, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

  
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